



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago  
**Ministry of Digital Transformation**

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### **MDT and UNDP measure TT's Digital Readiness**

“We do not intend to chart this digital transformation journey alone. Together we will move our country forward using the enabling capabilities of digital... but we must make this journey, together, in partnership and with a clear and visible national strategy.” These were the comments made by Senator the Honourable Hassel Bacchus, Minister of Digital Transformation, as he delivered the feature address at a Digital Readiness Assessment (DRA) virtual workshop held on January 21, 2022 with members of civil society and academia.

The Ministry of Digital Transformation (MDT), in collaboration with the UNDP, rolled out the (DRA) with the aim of identifying and prioritising digital interventions as part of our country's digital transformation journey. The assessment aims to provide a rapid diagnostic of a country's digital progress, in order to drive further digital transformation progress.

The Digital Readiness Assessment (DRA), is an internationally recognised survey-based tool developed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), used in conjunction with other tools and existing research, to provide insights into a country's digital strengths and weaknesses.

Different formats of the survey were rolled out to stakeholders in the public sector, private sector, civil society and academia, with an online version also developed for the general public. The public survey was open from February 11-25, 2022, amassing over 1600 responses at its close, from those who accessed the survey via social media, Access Centres in rural communities, or the toll-free service offered by *tconnect* which allowed persons to complete the survey over the phone.

The Assessment's findings will be compiled by the UNDP, along with other policies, existing databases and research, and will be presented to the Ministry, to be used in determining critical areas of focus for the national digital agenda, and highlighting opportunities for digital solutions to better serve the public.

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